

SOLE BREAKER FOR STARVING BABES.

Their Cry for Food Drove a Despairing Father to Theft.

Policeman Saw Him Taking Loaves from a Brooklyn Bakery.

Refused to Disgrace His Family by Telling His True Name in the Station House.

BAKER WOULD NOT PROSECUTE.

Instead, He Sent Food to the Unfortunate Man's Home—Justice Steers Discharged the Prisoner and Gave Him Money.

Sometimes things go wrong in a man's life, and the storms drive him hither and thither, and the waves buffet him and bruise him and the sky seems pitilessly black overhead. And so it was with a man, who has named himself Thomas Anderson, when he fled from his home in Brooklyn on Tuesday night because a starving, starving wife was sobbing silently, and three perishing little ones were crying, "Papa, give us bread!"

He staggered on blindly, for hunger had made him weak, striving in the thing on Fulton street against some who pushed him aside angrily, and others who, noticing the pain-drawn face, looked curiously at the shabby figure. He was very like a white-faced wraith that come out of the night and vanished in it again.

At the corner of Washington avenue some one collided with him, and the blow knocked him into a doorway. There he stood for a minute, while a thousand lights seemed dancing before his eyes. The man into whom he had run full tilt, snarled: "Look where you're going, fool!" But he never heard him. In his ears were the baby voices crying:

"Papa, give us bread!"

Anderson—that is not his name, but the police will give no other—tried to gather his faculties together and finally noticed that he stood in front of a bakery. Some one opened the door and passed out, and he, hardly knowing what he did, slipped into the store. The busy clerks did not notice him, but Policeman A. B. Touhey, who was looking in through a window, saw the ragged fellow take several loaves of bread and slip them under his coat. Then the policeman arrested him.

The prisoner made no protest. With his cap on he walked dutifully to the station house on Grand avenue.

"Your name?" said the sergeant.

The man hesitated, and then said faintly: "Thomas Anderson. I live at No. 485 Van Sicken avenue."

"That is not my name," he said, after a minute. "I do not want to disgrace my name. I am not Anderson, or I could not have chosen these," and he pointed to the loaves.

"Take him back," said the sergeant, and then he called another policeman. "You'll find a snack of lunch up in my room, Bill," he said. "Give it to that poor devil and have Touhey find out if what he says about his family is true."

Touhey went out on his mission. He learned that the man's story was true and he dropped in at the bakery to tell the story to John Wilson, the proprietor. Ten minutes later the baker's boy was on his way to the prisoner's home with a basket of provisions. Bread and butter and eggs and meat were carried into the rooms, and a fire was soon burning in the range.

Touhey took his prisoner to Justice Steers's court in Flatbush yesterday morning. "Mr. Wilson will make no complaint. Your Honor, but I suppose, as I saw it, I must have said, 'I want to say, however, that I am needy and not punishable.'"

The prisoner told his story. He was, he said, a month ago, two months ago, he lost his place. Since then he has been seeking employment, vainly. He had saved a few dollars, but his last cent went for food ten days ago. Then the period of real starvation began. Each day the pangs of hunger were sharper. Finally his children's cries drove him from the house, and the theft and arrest followed.

Justice Steers said: "You may plead guilty under the name you gave in the station house, and I will accept sentence in this case. However, if you are in need again go to a charitable society for aid."

These were the words of the official. In his character as the justice gave the prisoner \$10 before he left the courtroom. He also told him to come back to him to-morrow morning and he would try to get work for him.

DINED REPUBLICAN FRIENDS.

Retiring Democratic Treasurer of Queens County Ignored Party Followers.

The failure of former Treasurer Dykes, of Queens County, to invite ex-District-Attorney Noble and other Democratic leaders of Long Island to a farewell love feast which he tendered his political friends on Saturday last, when he retired from public life, has occasioned widespread comment and considerable ill-feeling among the leading politicians of Queens County.

The friends of the ex-District-Attorney, who had an office in the same building with Mr. Dykes during the past three years, are naturally incensed. They are, in fact, a studied insult, is their mildest characterization of the ex-Treasurer's action in the matter.

Mr. Noble was not invited to the feast until after the first course was on the table. At then he positively refused to join the feast. John P. Madden, chairman of the Democratic Committee of Long Island City, ex-Alderman Joseph Cassidy and ex-Sheriff Matthew J. Golden were not invited. On the other hand, John J. Loyette, William W. Mackintosh, Henry Doherty, Charles H. Phillips and other Republicans, who have heretofore opposed Mr. Dykes whenever he ran for office, were favored guests.

The banquet was held in Sheriff Doherty's private dining room in the Queens County Jail. A wagonload of champagne was procured for the guests at the expense of Mr. Dykes.

SAY PHIPPS SHOULD RESIGN.

Politicians Do Not Think the Treasurer Should Hold Two Offices.

The friends of ex-Assemblyman Johnson, of Long Island City, are wondering why Treasurer Phipps, of Queens County, still holds on to the position of member of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration. Mr. Johnson was induced for the latter position by the Republican General Committee shortly after Mr. Phipps was elected County Treasurer. It was then believed that Mr. Phipps would not hold on to the two positions.

The income derived from the County Treasuryship seldom falls short of \$25,000 a year. The salary of member of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration is \$3,000.

SIX HOUR MURDER TRIAL.

Man Who Shot His Hostler After a Quarrel Is Quickly Acquitted on a Plea of Self-Defence.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 6.—Camden County Court to-day broke the Jersey record on murder trials, when in six hours it heard evidence, three lawyers' arguments, Judge Garrison's charge and the jury's verdict. James Tracey was tried for murder in the first degree for fatally shooting his hostler, William Clark, in a quarrel resulting from Clark's failure to feed the horses one Sunday night several months ago.

During the quarrel Clark hit Tracey's chin and then left the house. Ten minutes later Tracey followed him. Four shots were fired and Tracey returned with a revolver in his hand. He contended that he went out to get his chin dressed, that Clark attacked him and he shot him in self-defence. In twenty minutes a verdict of acquittal was returned.

BONDS FOR COUNTY ROADS.

Middlesex Freeholders Consider a Woodbridge Lawyer's Proposition.

At the meeting of the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders, at New Brunswick, N. J., yesterday, privilege of the floor was given to E. S. Savage, a lawyer, of Woodbridge Township, to explain the advantages of the plan of bonding the county, on the plan adopted successfully in Union, Bergen and Passaic counties, to the extent of \$400,000 for the building of roads. Mr. Savage said that as Governor Briggs opposed the plan in road building, and members of the new Legislature agreed with him, he thought they had seen the last

HOW THE DOG CATCHER OF HACKENSACK, N. J., REPLENISHED THE VILLAGE COFFER.



He explained that the law allows a county to bond itself for 3 per cent of its assessed value. He gave Middlesex's valuation as \$23,728,880, and the present \$300,000 as about \$180,000, and said \$400,000 would be enough to macadamize all the main arteries of the county, and that the increase in property values would quickly provide for the interest on the bonds.

At the afternoon session the Freeholders adopted a resolution directing the Finance Committee to consider the bonding plan and report at the next meeting of the Board.

DEPRIVED OF DOWER RIGHTS.

Widow Says Her Husband Was Tricked by His Daughter.

George P. Smith, a wealthy truckman, living in Fifth street, Jersey City, who died recently, to avoid a lawsuit conveyed all his real estate, comprising several houses, to his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Henry J. Melrose, a lawyer, who has offices in the Weldon Building, Jersey City. At the time of the transfer Smith was a widower, but soon thereafter married Mrs. Anna Maguire, of No. 225 Third street. These two properties were conveyed to him by his daughter. Some time after his death Mrs. Smith discovered that the deed conveying the property had been altered to give him an interest in it and thus shut her out of her dower rights.

She consulted Senator W. D. Daly, and a bill to assign her dower was filed in Chancery. Yesterday the case was heard by Vice-Chancellor Stevens in Jersey City. Senator Daly produced the deed from the daughter to the father, showing that the words "assigns, etc." had been erased. The defendants admitted the erasures, but said they had been done simply to make the deed one for life interest. The matter point to be decided by the Vice-Chancellor, who reserved his decision, is whether the erasures were made before or after the execution of the deed, and with or without Smith's knowledge.

ENDS LIFE WITH A LOTION.

Mrs. Forbes Succeeds in Her Second Attempt to End Her Life.

Vineand, N. J., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Theon H. Forbes, a bride of four months, who started the village of Forest Grove by attempting suicide early last week, succeeded to-day in ending her life. Her first attempt by taking laudanum was nearly successful, and physicians worked over her for thirty hours before she regained consciousness. She said she was "weary of living."

On Monday, while alone, Mrs. Forbes seized the glass containing a lotion used to bathe her face, and placed her finger in it. She died this afternoon. She was well known and very popular. Mrs. Forbes, formerly Mrs. Avery, was forty-five years old, and her marriage four months ago to Mr. Forbes, about thirty years her senior, caused a surprise in the community.

PRIEST CONDEMNS BALLS.

Declares Mothers Are Laying the Foundation for Daughters' Ruin.

The Rev. Father J. M. Mendl, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Montclair, N. J., has aroused discussion in the town by remarks at the second mass Sunday, when he made a tirade against young girls taking part in miscellaneous dances, conducted under the names of "Whispering Four," "Crooked Soles" and "Jolly Ten," which he declared were run for no good purpose. "If I had a son," he said, "I would not let him attend such dances. I would let him be a good man, and I would let him be a good father."

Tenants Flee from Fire.

A fire in the building owned by Henry Egan, at No. 298 Main street, Orange, N. J., and occupied by the Orange Confectionery Company, caused about \$1,000 damage at an early hour yesterday morning. The floors above the store are used as flats and several families were compelled to escape through the dense smoke, clad only in their night clothes.

Small Boy Drowned While Skating.

William Donnelly, thirteen years old, of Belleville, N. J., was drowned in Hendrick's mill pond, at South yesterday afternoon while skating on the ice with other boys.

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Alleged Shoplifter Would Rather Stay in a Cell Than Tell Her Name.

Declares Her Mother Would Die if She Learned of Her Disgrace.

Refused Even to Give Her Lawyer Any Information of Her Family.

MAINTAINS SHE IS INNOCENT.

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